

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

11. (new) An assembly for masking an air-bag for a motor vehicle, the assembly being of the type comprising:

- outer trim presenting a line of weakness which defines:

- a flap overlying the air-bag; and

- a peripheral region surrounding the flap and serving, after the flap has moved, to define an opening for passing the air-bag during its deployment;

- a first reinforcing member for reinforcing the peripheral region, the first reinforcing member comprising at least one wall for guiding the air-bag upstream from the opening and during deployment thereof;

- a second reinforcing member for reinforcing the flap; and

- a hinge connecting together the first reinforcing member and the second reinforcing member so as to allow the flap to tilt and so as to retain it after the masking assembly has been ruptured along the line of weakness;

wherein the second reinforcing member and the hinge are made by molding a plastics material, and wherein the hinge is overmolded on the first reinforcing member.

12. (new) An assembly according to claim 11, wherein the plastics material of the second reinforcing member and of the hinge possesses elongation prior to rupture of more than 500%.

13. (new) An assembly according to claim 11, wherein the first reinforcing member includes portions in relief for connecting the hinge.

14. (new) An assembly according to claim 11, wherein the hinge includes a retaining lip surrounding an edge of the first reinforcing member.

15. (new) An assembly according to claim 11, wherein the guide wall(s) extend(s) over at least two sides of the deployment direction of the air-bag so as to form a guide channel.

16. (new) An assembly according to claim 15, wherein the guide channel extends over substantially the entire perimeter of the through opening for the air-bag.

17. (new) An assembly according to claim 11, wherein the hinge includes at least one fold.

18. (new) An assembly according to claim 11, constituting at least a dashboard for a motor vehicle.

19. (new) A method of making a masking assembly according to claim 11, the method including a step of overmolding a plastics material onto the first reinforcing member to form the hinge and the second reinforcing member, and to connect them to the first reinforcing member.

20. (new) A method according to claim 19, including a step of fastening the first reinforcing member and the second reinforcing member to the trim that has previously been prepared.